

**Protect Your Ballot Box This Election Day,
Volunteer to Help Voters in New Jersey**

Dear Friend,

Election Day isn't just about choosing your candidate. It's about keeping the foundation of democracy strong.

This November, the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey and League of Women Voters of New Jersey are looking for your help to protect and aid New Jersey voters. Over the years, LWV NJ and ACLU-NJ, along with the help of hundreds of volunteers, have assisted thousands of New Jersey voters and worked to improve New Jersey elections. We invite you to join our important efforts this year to truly make a difference in this state. With the new changes in the General Election, including mail-in ballots and the election of a lieutenant governor, voters will need our help, and we need you.

As a volunteer, you have the option to assist voters with questions or difficulties trying to vote either by monitoring the polls or answering out voter hotlines.

As a non-partisan poll monitor, you will offer voters information about their rights, assist voters with problems, and conduct exit polling about voters' experiences to help improve future New Jersey elections. If you volunteer to answer the hotline, you'll be on-hand throughout the day to take continual calls from voters most commonly asking the location of their polling place, what to do if a machine malfunctions or their options if they feel they were wrongfully kept from voting. Thousands of voters depend on our volunteers to assist them on Election Day and are generally thrilled that someone is there to help them when they need it.

What to expect as a poll monitor:

- Volunteers will be assigned to specific polls in four-hour shifts.
- Volunteers must attend a three-hour training session in the weeks before November 3. Trainings will be held in a variety of afternoon, evening and weekend sessions to accommodate most schedules.
- You will work as part of a team with other volunteers and have assistance from the ACLU-NJ and LWV NJ staff as needed.

What you'll need for poll monitoring on November 3:

- A cell phone in order to contact election protection staff and election offices as needed.
- Your own transportation to and from your assigned poll site.

What to expect as a hotline volunteer:

- You must attend a three-hour training session before November 3.
- You must provide your own transportation to the Newark and Trenton headquarters for our hotline operations, which are both accessible by public transportation).

We look forward to seeing you. Thank you for doing your part to protect democracy.

To volunteer for Voter Protection 2009 and to learn more, contact:

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Sincerely,

Anne Barron and Jesse Burns
Election Protection 2009